

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 965
By Newton

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the Blue Springs Hawks on winning the 2004 Athletic Cheer and Dance National Championship.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Springs cheerleading program is widely renowned as a bastion of excellence; and

WHEREAS, the squad recently added to its extraordinary history of success by claiming the Athletic Cheer and Dance National Championship in the Elementary Division; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 Championship was held at the Trade and Convention Center in downtown Chattanooga; the competition included 8,000 cheerleaders, representing seventeen states; and

WHEREAS, the National Title provided the capstone to an undefeated season full of astounding success, as the squad also won the State Championship at a meet in Knoxville and a local competition at Bradley Central High School; and

WHEREAS, the champions, who have achieved such unparalleled success, are Lauren Pearce, Jacqueline Pearce, Ashley Miller, Brooklyn Calfee, Desirae Wilson, Sydney Wilson, Alicia Williamson, Matt Kennedy, Madison McCann, Tiffany Sherlin, Courtney Sherlin, and Courtney Payne; and

WHEREAS, they received invaluable support and guidance from Coach Jennifer Calfee; and

WHEREAS, Coach Calfee and her team continue to hold a position at the apex of American cheerleading; Blue Springs squads have won fourteen awards in only four years of

competition; they have won consecutive state championships, and this year's national championship, the squad's first, built upon last year's fourth place finish; and

WHEREAS, the cheerleaders of Blue Springs have proven themselves exceptional artists and athletes, and they epitomize all that is good in today's youth, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while showing the highest degree of character in every facet of their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young Tennesseans not only made possible a championship cheerleading season but also surely bode well for their success in every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Blue Springs Hawks for winning the National Championship and for serving as excellent examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we do hereby congratulate the Blue Springs Cheerleaders on winning the Athletic Cheer and Dance National Championship, honor them for their individual and collective resolve and their extraordinary performance, and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.